

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on April 22, 2009. At the time the Examiner mailed the Notice of Allowance, claims 1-5, 7 and 10-13 were allowed. By way of the present response applicant has: 1) amended no claims; 2) added no claims; and 3) canceled no claims. As such, claims 1-5, 7 and 10-13 are now pending.

The specification originally incorporated by reference of U.K. patent application number 8429823. U.K. patent application number 8429823 was never published and was not submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") or otherwise accessible for reference. Accordingly, applicant has amended the specification to remove the incorporation by reference of U.K. patent application number 8429823 and replace the reference to U.K. patent application number 8429823 with its counterpart European patent application 85308344.2, which was published as EP 0185463. A copy of EP 0185463 is being submitted herewith in an IDS.

Additionally, the IDS includes the PCT International Search Report, European Patent Office Search Report, Great Britain Search Report, and PCT Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority for the international and foreign counterpart applications to the present application. These documents were previously submitted on July 8, 2005, but were not listed on the IDS (Form 1449).

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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